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2004 FILING SCHEDULE – PRIVATELY FINANCED LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES, AND COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES
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Election Dates:

Primary Election	June 8, 2004
General Election	November 2, 2004

Election Year Reports:

<u>Type of Report</u>	<u>Filing Deadline</u>	<u>Reporting Period</u>
6-Day Pre-Primary	June 2, 2004	Beginning of campaign ¹ - May 27, 2004
42-Day Post-Primary	July 20, 2004	May 28, 2004 - July 13, 2004
6-Day Pre-General	October 27, 2004	July 14, 2004 - October 21, 2004
42-Day Post-General	December 14, 2004	October 22, 2004 - December 7, 2004

¹If the candidate filed a January 15, 2004 semiannual report, the reporting period for the June 2, 2004 report begins on January 1, 2004.

48-Hour Reporting for the Primary Election

Candidates must disclose contributions and expenditures of \$1,000 or more made after May 27, 2004 and before 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2004 in a special report that must be filed within 48 hours of receiving the contribution or making the expenditure, or by noon of the first business day after the transaction, whichever is later.

24-Hour Reporting for the General Election

Candidates must disclose contributions and expenditures of \$1,000 or more made after October 21, 2004 and before 5:00 p.m. on November 1, 2004 in a special report that must be filed within 48 hours of receiving the contribution or making the expenditure, or by noon of the first business day after the transaction, whichever is later.

Filing Procedures

The Ethics Commission must receive the original campaign finance report signed by both the candidate and treasurer at its office by 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline, except in two circumstances. A properly signed report may be faxed to the Commission office at (207) 287-6775 by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline, provided that the original report is received by the Commission within five calendar days. A report that has been mailed to the Commission by certified or registered mail and that is postmarked at least 2 days before the filing deadline will not be considered late, even if it is received after the deadline.

Additional Reports for Privately Financed Legislative Candidates with a Maine Clean Election Act Opponent

101% Report

Any legislative candidate who is not participating in the Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA), who has a MCEA opponent in an election, and who receives, or spends and obligates more than 1% in excess of the initial distribution amount for the MCEA opponent, must file an accelerated report (the 101% Report). The report must be filed within 48 hours of reaching the 101% amount, and the report must state the candidate's total receipts, expenditures and obligations to date.

42-Day, 21-Day, and 12-Day Accelerated Reports

All traditionally funded candidates with a MCEA opponent are required to file three pre-election reports stating the candidate's total campaign contributions, obligations, and expenditures to date, unless the candidate files an affidavit by each deadline attesting that the candidate has not received, spent or obligated the amount that is 101% of the MCEA opponent's initial distribution amount:

<u>Type of Report</u>	<u>Filing Deadline</u>	<u>Reporting Period</u>
42-day pre-primary	April 27, 2004	Through April 25, 2004
21-day pre-primary	May 18, 2004	Through May 16, 2004
12-day pre-primary	May 27, 2004	Through May 25, 2004
42-day pre-general	September 21, 2004	Through September 19, 2004
21-day pre-general	October 12, 2004	Through October 10, 2004
12-day pre-general	October 21, 2004	Through October 19, 2004

48-Hour Reporting for the Primary Election

A traditionally funded candidate with a MCEA opponent who is required to file a 101% report must also file an updated report with the Commission reporting any single expenditure of \$750 or more by candidates for State Senator or \$500 or more by candidates for State Representative made after May 25, 2004 and before 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2004. The report must be filed within 48 hours of the expenditure, or by noon of the first business day after the expenditure, whichever is later.

24-Hour Reporting for the General Election

A traditionally funded candidate with a MCEA opponent who is required to file a 101% report must also file an updated report with the Commission reporting any single expenditure of \$750 or more by candidates for State Senator or \$500 or more by candidates for State Representative made after October 19, 2004 and before 5:00 p.m. on November 1, 2004. The report must be submitted to the Commission within 24 hours of the expenditure, or by noon of the first business day after the expenditure, whichever is later.